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Security Council

3 p.m. . . . 4854th meeting (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1521st meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . 29th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/58/86-E/2003/81, A/58/532, A/58/420, A/58/437 and A/58/415-S/2003/952) . . . . . [102]

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3 (Suppl. No. 3), A/58/84, A/58/96, A/58/151, A/58/152, A/58/193, A/58/204, A/58/383, A/58/413 and A/C.2/58/2) . [12]

   Introduction and general discussion

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.29

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3–4.30 p.m. 30th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Training and Research [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.28

2. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (A/58/75-E/2003/21) [103]

Introduction and general discussion

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 36th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of Women [110]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.36

2. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [113]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.25/Rev.1

3. Right of peoples to self-determination [116]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.31, A/C.3/58/L.34 and A/C.3/58/L.35

4. Human rights questions [117]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (A/58/326, A/58/350, A/58/221, A/58/307, A/58/40 (Suppl.), A/58/44 (Suppl.), A/58/306, A/58/284 and A/58/120)

Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m. 37th meeting Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [117]

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

General discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m. 17th meeting General Assembly Hall

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/58/105 and A/C.5/58/9)

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/58/104 and A/C.5/58/8)

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/58/103 and A/C.5/58/7)

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/58/102, A/58/102/Add.1, A/C.5/58/6 and A/C.5/58/6/Add.1)

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/101, A/58/101/Add.1, A/C.5/58/5 and A/58/553)

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part IV (International cooperation for development) (A/58/6 (Sect. 9), A/58/6 (Sect. 10), A/58/6 (Sect. 11), A/58/6 (Sect. 12), A/58/6 (Sect. 13), A/58/6 (Sect. 14), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16))

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg)

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 8

Second Committee

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25 entitled "Natural disasters and vulnerability" (agenda item 94 (e)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, *today*, 7 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22 entitled "Sustainable development in mountain regions" (agenda item 94 (g)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, *today*, 7 November 2003, in the morning, following the adjournment of the informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25, in Conference Room A.

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/58/L.23 (Public administration and development) (agenda item 12); A/C.2/58/L.24 (Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries) (agenda item 97 (b)); and A/C.2/58/L. 27 (Women in development) (agenda item 93 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, *today*, 7 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other meetings

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Friday, 7 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: habitat; commodities; and other issues)*

10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

1–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: water; and sustainable mountain development issues)*

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(United Nations reform; and governance)*

3.15–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

11 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Open-ended meeting of the follow-up mechanism of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies (chaired by H.E. Mr. Luvsan Erdenechuluun, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, President of the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

12.30–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons in Africa) (agenda item 112) (Third Committee)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

African Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Briefing by the Chairman and Bureau members of the First Committee for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on the overview of the work of the First Committee at the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights defenders (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal "informal" consultations with interested delegations on the date of the meeting of the United Nations Forum on Forests ad hoc expert group on consideration with a view to recommending the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on internally displaced persons (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

4.15–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development (agenda item 96) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 7 November 2003

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 10 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. 59th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [20]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/392)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.15)

2. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: third report of the General Committee (A/58/250/Add.2) . . . . . [8]

3. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [36]

4. University for Peace [25]; Culture of peace [44]: *joint debate*

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/430)

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/58/182)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.13, A/58/L.14 and A/58/L.16)

5. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (b)]

6. Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage: draft resolution (A/58/L.11) [42]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 18th meeting on Monday 10 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Second Committee

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Globalization" on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. Presentations will be made by Professor Paul Krugman, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University; Professor Jagdish Bhagwati, Arthur Lehman Professor of Economics, Columbia University; Dr. Manuel Orozco, Project Director of Central America for the Inter-American Dialogue; and Mr. Jean Pierre Ouedraogo, Ligue des Consommateurs du Burkina Faso.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 275th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Dialogue with Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in cooperation with the International Service for Human Rights, will hold a dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders, Ms. Hina Jilani, on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Kindly refer to document A/58/380 for Ms. Jilani's latest report to the General Assembly. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Access to medication in the context of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria" (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Access to medication in the context of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria" (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, will be held on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The incompatibility between democracy and racism" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The incompatibility between democracy and racism", organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, will be held on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 11, 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 11 November 2003, in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, in Conference Room D.

ILO briefing on international migration

Mr. Patrick Taran, ILO Senior Migration Specialist, will make a presentation on "International Labour Conference 2004: The Next World Conference on Migration – Governance, Rights and Regulation of International Migration", on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana María Hermoso (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 106).

Seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

There will be a seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, on Friday, 14 November 2003, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963 6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal consultation on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend.

This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 5 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

33rd meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [115 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.33

The representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Ecuador joined as co-sponsor to the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [112]

The Committee resumed the general discussion on the item and heard statements by the representatives of Belarus, Brazil, Kenya, Eritrea, Thailand, Indonesia, Angola, Ethiopia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Pakistan, Jordan, Ghana, Timor-Leste, Nepal, Liechtenstein and the Republic of the Congo.

The representative of UNICEF made a statement.

The observer of the Organization of Islamic Conference also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on the item.

Thursday, 6 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

58th plenary meeting

Assistance in the mine action: reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/260 and A/58/260/Add.1) [22]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 22.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Thailand, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Zambia, Ethiopia, the Sudan and Lao's People's Democratic Republic.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 22.

General Committee

4th meeting

Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [8]: *question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte*

Statements were made by the representatives of Gabon and Luxembourg.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Main Committees

First Committee

23rd meeting

The Committee continued its third phase of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions/decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80).

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa, Colombia and Switzerland.

In explanation of vote before the vote the representative of Cuba made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1 was adopted by 162 to 1, with no abstention.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representative of the United States made a statement.

The representatives of Japan, Jordan (on behalf of the League of Arab States), Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Sierra Leone (on behalf of the African Group), the Philippines (on behalf of the Asian Group), Ecuador and the The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia made statements.

The Chairman of the Committee made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its work for the main part of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

20th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan, Malaysia, Cuba, Kuwait, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Morocco, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, as well as the EFTA countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with this statement), Senegal, Israel, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Bahrain.

The observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference also made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the observer for Palestine and the representative of Lebanon.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Australia, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to take action on the draft resolutions relating to agenda items 83 and 84 on Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.

Second Committee

27th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(a) Women in development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(e) International strategy for disaster reduction

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) International trade and development

(g) Commodities

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 91 (a) and (g) and heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Mauritius (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) made a statement.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

The Committee agreed to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items 91 (a) and (g) to Tuesday, 11 November, at 6 p.m.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly [101]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Norway, China, the Russian Federation, Suriname (on behalf of CARICOM), Kenya, Croatia, Indonesia and Ethiopia.

The observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on item 101.

28th meeting

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [102]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway, China, Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Bangladesh, Yemen and Burkina Faso.

Third Committee

34th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Advancement of women [110]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1 and A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1/Corr.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States orally revised and corrected the draft resolution and announced that the Bahamas, Bolivia, Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Mali, Mauritius, Nicaragua, Palau, Paraguay, the Philippines, the Republic of Moldova, Samoa, San Marino, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Uzbekistan had joined as sponsors.

Albania, Angola, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Barbados, the Congo, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Lesotho, Mozambique, Madagascar, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Suriname, Swaziland and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Pakistan made a statement.

Recommendations contained in section C.4 of the Committee for Programme and Coordination report

The Committee endorsed the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as contained in section C.4 of its report, and decided to convey the decision of the Committee to the President of the General Assembly pursuant to decision taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its fifty-eighth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.11

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Portugal orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, the Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Peru, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Slovakia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Zimbabwe had joined as sponsors.

Albania, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mongolia, Morocco, Nicaragua, the Niger, Swaziland, Thailand, Uruguay and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children. . . . . . [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.24

The Committee was advised that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Algeria, Bangladesh, Belize, Brunei Darussalam, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, the Sudan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen had joined as sponsors.

Afghanistan, Barbados, Benin, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, the Niger, Togo and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 88 to 4, with 58 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Croatia, Israel and Canada.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Norway and Switzerland.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

35th meeting

Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director of the New York Office, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, as well as the EFTA country, Iceland, member of the European Economic Area), Peru, Chile and Venezuela made a statement.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft resolutions under this item was Friday, 7 November, at 6 p.m.

Sixth Committee

23rd meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session [152]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 152.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.25, on behalf of the Bureau.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.25, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings [158]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 158.

It was announced that the Central African Republic, Chad, Guinea, Guyana, Ireland, Malawi, Nauru, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe and Solomon Islands had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.2.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke (on behalf of the member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.8), India, Uganda and Spain.

The Committee adopted a motion, in accordance with rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, to adjourn the debate on the agenda item until the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 80 to 79, with 15 abstentions.

The Chairman spoke.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of Germany (also on behalf of France), Canada, Mexico, Romania and Nigeria made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [155]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 155. Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Turkey, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Egypt, Pakistan and Sierra Leone.

The Chief of the Political, Legal and Humanitarian Service of the Programme Planning and Budget Division of the Secretariat also spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.18, without a vote. The representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland), the United States, Japan and Italy (on behalf of the European Union) made statements in explanation of their positions before taking action on the draft resolution. The representatives of Venezuela, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Mexico, Guatemala, Morocco, Fiji, Brazil and Thailand made statements in explanation of their positions after taking action on the draft resolution.

Algeria, Brazil, China, Malaysia and Turkey joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.17. The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.17, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees . . . . . [5]

The Chairman made a statement.

Completion of the work of the Sixth Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of Sierra Leone (on behalf of the African Group), New Zealand (on behalf of the Pacific Island Forum Group), Cuba (on behalf of Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Sweden (on behalf of Western European and Other States Group), China (on behalf of the Asian Group) and Lithuania (on behalf of the Eastern European Group) made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its work for the main part of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

Disarmament Commission
Organizational session

257th meeting

Opening of the session

The organizational session of the Commission was opened by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Narayan Pant (Nepal).

Adoption of the agenda

The Commission adopted the provisional agenda for the organizational session, as contained in document A/CN.10/L.54.

Election of the Chairman and other officers

H.E. Mr. Revaz Adamia (Georgia) was elected as Chairman of the Commission.

The Commission also elected the representatives of the following countries as Vice-Chairmen: Ms. Amela Sudžuka (Bosnia and Herzegovina), H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov (Uzbekistan), Mr. Kwang-chul Lew (Republic of Korea); Mr. Hugo Flores (Peru), Mr. Frederic Bijou (Costa Rica), H.E. Mr. Ahipeaud Guébo Noel Emmanuel (Côte d'Ivoire) and Mr. Saad Maandi (Algeria).

The Commission decided to defer to a later date the election of one remaining Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur.

Draft provisional agenda for the substantive session of the Disarmament Commission in 2004

The Commission adopted the provisional agenda for the 2004 substantive session, as contained in document A/CN.10/L.55.

The Commission took note of the general programme of work and the timetable for the first week of the session.

The Commission decided to hold its 2004 substantive session from 5 to 23 April 2004.

Organizational matters

The Chairman of the Commission made a statement on organizational and substantive aspects of the work of the Commission in 2004. He informed the members of the Commission of his intention to begin as early as the first part of January informal consultations on possible two substantive items for the future deliberations.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3) of the Covenant: Peru (5 November 2003)[1]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Senegal (5 November 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Senegal (5 November 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Luxembourg (5 November 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

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President of the General Assembly:
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A/C.3/58/L.36	Item 110 — Advancement of women — Mexico and Morocco: draft resolution — Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women [A C E F R S]

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